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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert Dale "Bob" Crowder of Mattoon, who passed away on December 8, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Dale Crowder was born in rural Coles County on October 20, 1925, the son of Jesse and Carrie (Coleman) Crowder; he married Martha Harrison on November 15, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Crowder served with the United States Air Force during World War II and returned to Mattoon to work at Brown Shoe Factory for 21 years; he then worked for Young Radiator for 20 years followed by 13 years working for the City of Mattoon; and

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WHEREAS, He served for a time on the Coles County Board and on the Mattoon Township Board; for 20 years he served as the Democratic County Chairman of the Coles County Democratic Party, for which he had served as vice chairman the 10 years prior; he had served as First Vice Chairman of the Illinois Democratic County Chairman's Association and was a staunch supporter of Democratic candidates; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Crowder was active in the Mattoon Masonic Lodge 260, where he had served as past master, the Elect Lady

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1 Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, where he and Martha
2 were Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron, the East Central York
3 Rite Commandery, the Valley of Danville Scottish Rite, the
4 Royal Arch Chapter, Malta Commandery of Tuscola, the White
5 Shrine of Jerusalem, the Mattoon Moose Lodge, the American
6 Legion, Ansar Shriners, the VFW Post 2580, and a member of the
7 First Southern Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and two
9 siblings, James Crowder and Wanda Burrell; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Crowder is survived by his wife, Martha;
11 his four children, Nancy Crowder and husband, Marty Walker, the
12 Honorable Judge Barbara Crowder and husband, Lawrence Taliana,
13 Connie Crow and husband, Dean, and Jeffery Crowder; his sister,
14 Doris Bates,; his grandchildren, Heather Theriault and
15 husband, Darrin; Paul Taliana, Robert Taliana and his fiance,
16 Erica Vanecek, Benjamin Taliana, and Kayla (Crow) Wiles and
17 husband, Doug; he also leaves one great grandchild, Christina
18 Theriault; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Dale "Bob"
22 Crowder; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Robert Crowder as a symbol of our
3 sincere sympathy.